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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
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Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau dated 2/21/67.

PCI [redacted] New Orleans [redacted] telephonically contacted this office at approximately 5:00 PM, 2/21/67, advising he had additional information concerning the investigation being conducted by the Orleans Parish District Attorney into the death of President KENNEDY, which he felt was of enough importance to warrant immediate contact by an Agent. [redacted] was again informed that the FBI would make no comment concerning the investigation into the assassination of President KENNEDY being conducted by District Attorney GARRISON, however, [redacted] insisted that he desired to furnish this information to the FBI and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he had been contacted during the late afternoon on [redacted] by WILLARD ROBERTSON, a New Orleans businessman whom ROVEL described as being the money behind District Attorney GARRISON. According to [redacted] ROBERTSON told him it was imperative they meet immediately and arrangements were made to meet in ROBERTSON's office in the 225 Larocque Building. Upon meeting ROBERTSON, [redacted]

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was advised by ROBERTSON that District Attorney GARRISON wanted to meet him, and ROBERTSON called GARRISON, arranging this meeting. [REDACTED] ROBERTSON proceeded to the eleventh floor of the 175 Larouche Building to the facilities of an insurance firm and there awaited the arrival of GARRISON who finally appeared at approximately 5:30 PM. NEW ORLEANS, LA.

[REDACTED] said GARRISON opened the conversation with inquiries concerning possible places where he (GARRISON) and his staff could hold conferences. According to [REDACTED] GARRISON stated that he feels the FBI is carefully scrutinizing every move he makes and even possibly has sources within his own ranks. [REDACTED] said GARRISON discussed several methods he felt he would utilize in the future in order to keep his investigation into the assassination of President KENNEDY a secret. GARRISON advised [REDACTED] that the purpose of his contact was that he knew of [REDACTED] ability to obtain information and further that [REDACTED] as very knowledgeable as to happenings in the New Orleans area.

[REDACTED] stated that GARRISON inquired [REDACTED] as to whether [REDACTED] had been interviewed by the FBI and that [REDACTED] had informed GARRISON that [REDACTED] had contacted the FBI. GARRISON then inquired as to whether his name had come up during the contact with the FBI, to which [REDACTED] replied in the negative. GARRISON then began to question [REDACTED] about people or names [REDACTED] might know and specifically inquired about DAVID LOUIS, "HOLLAND", DAVID FERRIE and MARTIN LAYTON (possibly identical with LAYTON P. MARTENS), associate of FERRIE. [REDACTED] told GARRISON he knew only DAVID FERRIE of those mentioned. GARRISON then asked [REDACTED] knew anyone with the Riley Coffee Company and [REDACTED] told GARRISON [REDACTED] knew an individual named TEX MEYER, a person with whom [REDACTED] had worked in the past. GARRISON [REDACTED] if he had any knowledge of where SERGIO ARACILIA SMITH obtained his financial support while in New Orleans, to which [REDACTED] replied that he did not know with the exception of supporting contributions that SMITH obtained from various individuals.

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GARRISON asked [redacted] whether SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH or FERRIE owned a laundry truck. [redacted] said [redacted] old GARRISON that [redacted] had observed a step van laundry truck, dark in color, on one occasion parked in front of the Haller Building where SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH had his office. [redacted] said GARRISON then commented "there is a laundry truck mentioned in the files of the FBI in Dallas".

[redacted] stated GARRISON also asked [redacted] was acquainted with a girl by the name of SANDRA LARSON. [redacted] advised that [redacted] old GARRISON [redacted] knew a SANDRA LARSON, who was a "stump pull" who sometimes dated LOB SONGE (phonetic) [redacted] associates in the Jamaican Village Lounge on North Rampart Street [redacted] old GARRISON [redacted] personally heard SANDRA LARSON say she was intimately acquainted with President KENNEDY. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that District Attorney GARRISON had stated or at least implied that [redacted] old DAVID FERRIE and his "nutty" associates were involved in a conspiracy in the assassination of President KENNEDY. [redacted] reiterated that GARRISON repeatedly emphasized the name [redacted] as being a possible clue in the conspiracy. [redacted] stated that it is GARRISON's contention that the conspirators were anti-CASTRO who hoped through the assassination of President KENNEDY to be able to, through national publicity, place the blame for the assassination on FIDEL CASTRO, which would result in influencing public opinion to the point where national retribution would be directed against CASTRO.

[redacted] advised GARRISON expressed concern about contamination of his investigation by other investigative agencies, namely, the FBI. [redacted] noted GARRISON as saying that he would arrest and handcuff any Agent he caught becoming involved in his investigation and would submit him to public scrutiny. [redacted] old GARRISON stated if they want my files that had they can buy them. [redacted] stated that [redacted] furnish GARRISON information concerning involvement with SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH at the blind base at Hama, L., which [redacted] had previously furnished to the FBI, however, since [redacted] plans to interview [redacted]

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he felt he would tell GARRISON the whole story prior to the interview with [redacted] because [redacted] felt that [redacted] would probably tell GARRISON about it and, secondly, because [redacted] felt that by telling GARRISON [redacted] would gain his confidence and would be in better graces with GARRISON. [redacted] advised that since [redacted] planned to tell GARRISON everything concerning [redacted] involvement with SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, [redacted] desired to mention something [redacted] had not previously furnished to the FBI concerning the ammunition bunker on the Houma Air Base. [redacted] advised that [redacted] approximately two weeks before taking ARCACHA SMITH and his party to the bunker had cased the bunker and knew pretty well what SMITH would find.

[redacted] telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office on the late afternoon of 2/22/67 and advised that [redacted] met with District Attorney GARRISON on that date and had furnished GARRISON the information that he had previously furnished to the FBI. [redacted] said GARRISON questioned them concerning any knowledge that they possessed of any relationship between CLAY SHAW and DAVID FERRIE. [redacted] said that GARRISON implied that SHAW was identical with a CLAY BERTRAND who had contacted Attorney DEAN ANDREWS to represent LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

[redacted] further informed that GARRISON and his associates felt the FBI was monitoring their switchboard and that it appears that if things go badly with GARRISON's investigation they may be looking for a "scape goat", possibly the FBI.

GARRISON, according to [redacted] inquired as to the meaning of the words "Inquire" and "Mort". GARRISON also asked any knowledge [redacted] had concerning anti-CASTRO assassination camps in the Slidell and Covington, La. area.

[redacted] noted GARRISON as saying that he was six months ahead of the FBI in his investigation and indicated that he planned to arrest FERRIE in five days as the leader

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in the plot to assassinate President KENNEDY. GARRISON also questioned [REDACTED] concerning quick ways of making FERRIE confess and mentioned the use of sodium penathal. According to [REDACTED] GARRISON is obsessed with the theory that a laundry or milk truck is in some way involved in the assassination.

Because of [REDACTED] contact with GARRISON and because contacts with [REDACTED] by this office have been too limited to determine his reliability, no further contacts will be made with him.